

KENTUCKY.

PROCEEDINGS

ADOPTED AT

A MEETING OF CITIZENS OF HOPKINSVILLE,

*In favor of a restoration of the Public Deposites to the Bank of the United States.*

MAY 26, 1834.

Read, and laid upon the table.

According to previous notice, on yesterday, a large and respectable number of the citizens of Christian county assembled in the court-house, for the purpose of expressing their opinions upon the conduct of the President of the United States, in his removal of the deposits from the Bank of the United States.

Upon motion of James W. Ewing, Esq., Major James Gohlson was called to the chair, and W. R. B. Wills, Esq. was appointed Secretary.

Mr. Ewing briefly explained the object of the meeting, and then offered the following preamble and resolutions, which, after a few further remarks by Mr. E., were adopted, with *only three* dissenting voices.

Believing as we do that Government was formed for the happiness and prosperity of the people, and should never be converted by our rulers into a machine of oppression and ruin, and, also, that the distribution of power, as provided by the constitution of the United States, is absolutely necessary to the existence of a free and republican Government, and consequently that neither department can encroach upon, assume, or usurp the powers of the others without endangering the liberties of the people: Therefore,

1st. *Resolved*, That the Executive of the United States, in removing the public deposits from the United States Bank, where they had been placed by law, and loaning them to irresponsible State institutions, has assumed authority not granted him by the constitution or laws.

2d. *Resolved*, That whether the removal of the deposits from the Bank of the United States be regarded as the act of the President, or the Secretary of the Treasury, it was, in our opinion, alike illegal, unnecessary, and unwise.

3d. *Resolved*, That the distress which has extended itself over almost every portion of our country, has in our opinion been occasioned by the

removal of the deposits, and the unnatural and unfriendly relation which the Government sustains towards the United States Bank.

4th. *Resolved*, That we regard it of the utmost importance, for the preservation of the national faith; for the purpose of relieving the distress and embarrassment under which the people of this Union are now laboring, and of giving quiet to the nation, that the public revenue hereafter to be collected shall be deposited in the United States Bank.

5th. *Resolved*, That copies of the above preamble and resolutions be forwarded by the chairman of this meeting to our Senators and Representative in Congress, to be laid before their respective bodies; and that our Senators be requested, and our Representative be *instructed*, to use their best exertions to carry into full effect the object of the above resolutions.

JAMES GOHLSON, *President*.

W. R. B. WILLS, *Secretary*.